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Emergency aid to the Philippines

The Governing Council,

Noting with concern the great loss of life and property caused by the recent eruption of Mount Pinatubo on the island of Luzon, the Philippines, aggravated by a typhoon that followed the volcanic eruption,

Acknowledging that earnest efforts of the Government of the Philippines to achieve economic growth and development may be hampered by these calamities,

1. Expresses solidarity with the Government and people of the Philippines in their efforts to cope with the emergency and adjust to the short- and long-term effects of the disaster;

2. Commends the Administrator for his prompt action in allocating funds from the Special Programme Resources for this purpose;

3. Calls upon the Administrator to extend further assistance to the maximum extent possible in the rehabilitation efforts of the Philippines;

4. Also calls upon Member States and international organizations to extend further support to the Philippines in ways that would alleviate the Government's economic and financial burden for the duration of the emergency and throughout the ensuing rehabilitation process.

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

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